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Student Group Sues to Force CIA to Release Files on Covert Ties

WASHINGTON (AP)—The U.S. Student Assn. asked a federal court Thursday to force the CIA to release files on the spy agency's covert relationship with the student group from 1947 to 1967.

In a lawsuit filed in U.S. District Court, the organization, formerly known as the U.S. National Student Assn., said the CIA had not complied with a Freedom of Information Act request for the files that first was submitted in 1977.

The student group and the CIA severed their relationship in August, 1967, after it was disclosed in a magazine article. As part of that agreement, the spy agency gave the association the CIA-owned building in Washington that was housing the group's headquarters at the time.